

INTERFACILITY TRANSPORT TASK FORCE

MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2006 LITTLETON, NH

Members present:

Jeanne Erickson, Speare Memorial Hospital; Chandra Engelbert, Weeks Medical Center, Adam Smith, Ross Ambulance, Stacey Smith, DHHS, Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, John Sanders, The Memorial Hospital, Clay Odell, NHBEMS, Ed Lavery, UCVH, Jean McGovern, Littleton Regional Hospital, Scott Lancaster, Gorham EMS, Jonathan Dubey, Berlin EMS

- The group finalized the data collection tool that would go out to the hospitals. Once Jonathan Dubey finishes the modifications Clay will send out the finished document to all task force members this week. He will also coordinate with members to work closely with the hospitals to ensure compliance.

The revised period for data collection is December 1, 2006 to February 28, 2007.

- Stacey Smith distributed information and brochures about the “NH Train”, a public health training site that would be available to EMS providers. The site is free to use and keeps track of education that the user accesses. This was discussed previously at the September meeting. We will look for more information on that.
- Jeanne Erickson said she still had not heard from the CCEMTP people at Southern Maine community College, despite numerous attempts.
- The group began looking at new projects to work on. The process began by reviewing the barriers identified at the 2005 IFT Summit and the recommendations that were discussed at that time. The focus of today’s discussion was:
 - Barriers to staffing. Issues discussed were critical care training for paramedics,
 - The nature of the workforce for critical care transport, particularly in the rural areas
 - Improvements in compensation for paramedics and EMT’s
 - Paramedic to RN bridge education
 - Better access to EMT education

The discussion had to be tabled due to time constraints. The group will pick up the topic at the December meeting.

The next meeting of the Interfacility Transport Task Force will be Tuesday December 19, 2006, from 9:30am to 11:30am at Littleton Regional Hospital. The IFT Task Force thanks Littleton Regional Hospital once again for their generous donation of meeting space and food to support this effort.